**Unitarian Universalist Society
Board of Trustees
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – August 8, 2019**

**Present**: Amy Fretz (President), Joe Rasmussen (Vice-President), Jane DeWitt (Past-President), Allison Bettine (Secretary), Michael Honey-Arcement (Trustee), John Raley (Finance Trustee), Rev. Diane Dowgiert (Ex-officio)

**Absent**: Chris Rode (Treasurer), Paul Pomrehn (Trustee), Colleen Higgins (Trustee)

**Guests**: Dave Martin (Ministerial Search Committee Chairperson)

Board President Fretz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Fretz provided opening words. Dave Martin, co-chair of the Ministerial Search Committee, was then invited in to report on the status of the search process.

**Ministerial Search Committee**: Martin provided an overview of the search schedule for the upcoming year.

This fall, the committee is planning to distribute a survey to the congregation and host small cottage meetings

and focus groups. Survey results and the information gathered at the fall meetings will be included in the

Ministerial Search Packet for prospective candidates. A full schedule will be shared with the congregation as

the committee moves forward. Martin exited at the end of his update report.

**Consent Agenda & Announcements:** Consent agenda and other items are uploaded to Dropbox for Board review prior to the meeting.

*Consent Agenda items: August Board Agenda; August Executive Committee Minutes;* *July Board Meeting Highlights; Minister’s Monthly Report; Treasurer’s Report and Financials*

*Moved by Rasmussen, seconded by DeWitt that the Board receive the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.*

*Moved by DeWitt, seconded by* *Fretz to approve* *the May and July Board Highlights, August Executive Committee minutes, August Board Agenda, Interim Minister’s Report, Treasure’s Report and Financials, (pending noted changes).*

**Mission and Vision:** It was decided that the Mission and Vision Workshop would be held on November 2, 2019 for a total of four hours. In order to ensure the true voice of the congregation is captured in the development of the Mission and Vision, attendance by all is strongly encouraged.

**Board Committees:** Rasmussen joined the Personnel Committee (formerly Staff Relations) as liaison where they are working to coordinate our personnel policy to align with the UUA’s new policy recommendations. Honey-Arcement is set to chair the to-be-formed Assessment Committee.

**Gift Policy:** The discussion of naming gifts and spaces was revisited, and other options for honoring donors and cherished members were considered. Fretz requested that Raley consult with Finance Committee regarding this issue and that Rasmussen bring the task of creating a revised Gifts Policy to the Governance Committee.

**Negotiating Team:** Ministerial Search Committee Member Jerry Wetlaufer and Vice-President Joe Rasmussen are set to serve on the Negotiating Team. The final member of the Negotiating Team is left to be appointed by the Board, and nominees will be contacted soon.

**Closing**: Dewitt read the closing words, Honey-Arcement gave process observer comments, tasks were reviewed, and Fretz adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. The next Board meeting is Thursday, September 12, 2019, starting at 6:30 p.m. in the UUS Conference Room.

Submitted by Allison Bettine, Secretary